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Strategy Focus

As you read about police dogs,
monitor how well you understand
what happens.



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Key Vocabulary

accident something you did not expect to happen

attention looking and listening with care

audience a group that listens or watches

commands orders given by someone

officer a person who helps enforce the law

safety freedom from danger or harm

Word Teaser

You pay this without using money. What is it?



Some dogs have jobs.



Some dogs work with police officers.



The officer trains the dog. She teaches **commands**, like **sit** and **stay**.



The dog must pay attention
to the officer.



The dog learns to do new things.
It learns **safety** rules, too.



The dog learns to follow smells.
It has a good sense of smell. It can
find people or things.



The dog can help find people who are lost or who were in an **accident**.



The dogs are trained for many weeks. Then, the dogs must pass a test to work for the police.



The audience claps for the new police dogs.

Responding

Putting Words to Work

1. What does a police **officer** do?
2. I pay **attention** when I _____.
3. What **commands** would you give a pet dog?
4. How does the **audience** feel about the police dogs? Why do you think so?
5. **PARTNER ACTIVITY:** Choose a word in the book. Explain the word to a partner and give an example.

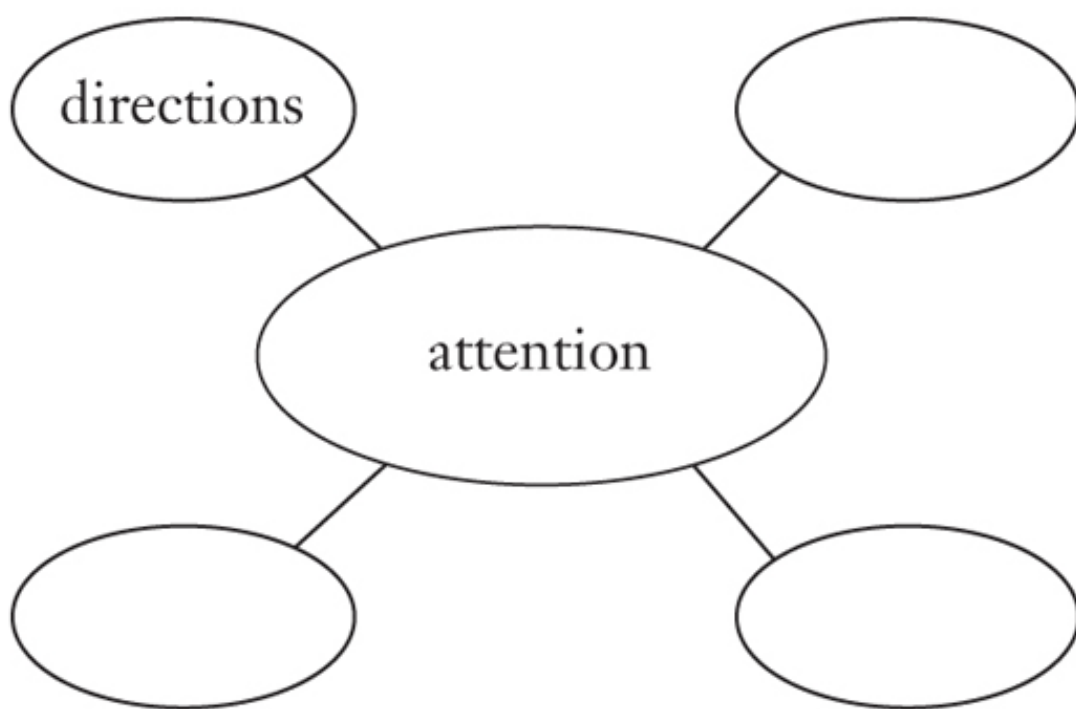
Answer to Word Teaser

attention

Word Builder

Make a word web around the word **attention**.

What are some things you have to pay attention to? Copy this word web and add more words.



Write About It

Choose a person or thing from the Word Builder. Write about why it is important to pay **attention** to that person or thing.

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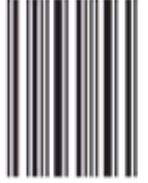
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